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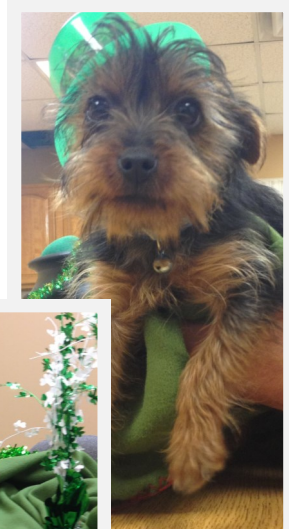
Paws Newsletter

March 2015



St. Pawtricks Day!

Find your lucky charm at the Garland Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center. All cats and dogs are \$17 for the first 17 days of the month. All adoptions include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, and City registration if applicable. One adoption per household and does not include prepay adoptions.



Adopt and get a toy from our pot of gold!



Animal Shelter & Adoption Center
600 Tower St.
Garland, TX 75040
Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
972-205-3570

Locations

Pet Adoption Center
813 Main St.
Garland, TX 75040
Mon.-Tue. & Thu.-Fri. 1 -5 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Third Sunday of each month
open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Statistics



64

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY RESCUE CLUBS

23

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND
PAWSIBILITIES & PET ADOPTION CENTER

65

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY THEIR OWNERS

8

PETS WERE SPONSORED

832

PETS WERE REGISTERED

613

STRAY ANIMAL CALLS RECEIVED

83

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY CITY
VETERINARIAN

1741

VISITORS

Spay & Neuter Your Pets

By Animal Services Officer David Hernandez



Garland Animal Services realized the need to reduce the overpopulation of stray dogs and cats in the community. Overpopulation is caused by irresponsible pet owners.

Under Chapter 22, Section 22.05, City of Garland Animal Services requires that any dog or cat claimed by their owner to be spayed or neutered. The objectives of the ordinance are to:

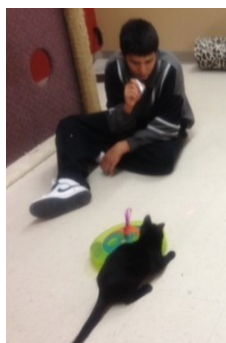
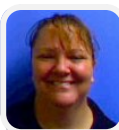
- Reduce the number of homeless and unwanted animals by uncontrolled and irresponsible breeding.
- Reduce the number of impounded animals.
- Reduce the euthanasia of pets for whom homes cannot be found.
- Reduce the tax burden for responsible pet owners.
- Require irresponsible pet owners to be held accountable.

Having your pet spayed or neutered helps the pet, the pet owner and the community. As a pet owner you no longer have the worry or obligation to find homes for litters of puppies or kittens. (All too often these litters end up in a shelter once they become difficult to handle or repeat the breeding cycle.) With more good news for the pet owner, medical evidence indicates that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. Neutering male dogs will not affect their personality, improves their behavior and reduces their tendency to wander. Spaying and neutering companion animals has a positive impact on the community as a whole by reducing the pet overpopulation problem. Be part of the solution in ensuring humane treatment of all pets.



Pet Adoption Center

By Animal Services Officer Julie Springfield



The Pet Adoption Center has been open for over a year and a half and a lot has changed. We have more people come through and more adoptions. We have children that come and walk the dogs and play with the cats. We have them name the animals so they can remember what name goes with what dog or cat. It is such a joy to see these kids have fun and also to see how these animals interact with the children. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and open the third Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New Look Coming Soon!



Our Pet Adoption Center will be receiving a new window makeover. This spring, we invite you to visit our Pet Adoption Center in Downtown Garland. The new look is a story mural that includes animals going from stray to adoptable pets. We hope this new look is more inviting for our citizens and help more pets get adopted. Thanks to Animal Services Supervisor Edward Suarez for all the hard work that was put into this project!

Volunteer of the Month



Congratulations to Ms. Kerri Carlisle on her selection for Volunteer of the Month!!! Kerri is a very passionate individual who often goes above and beyond to get animals rescued and placed with a good home. Ms. Carlisle spends an average of 15-20 hours per week at the animal shelter taking pictures and evaluating animals to increase their chances of being rescued. Additionally, Kerri started a very successful Facebook page to network Garland pets which resulted in the placement of more than 200 dogs last year. Congratulations on a job well done!!!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Animal Services Officer Juan Porras for his selection for employee of the month for the month of February. Juan is a natural born leader with a passion for helping those in need and making sure the job gets done no matter what. Officer Porras possesses outstanding customer service skills and excellent report writing skills as well as a great attitude and team player mentality. Juan is from Reno, Nevada and in 2003 he joined the United States Marine Corps, serving with 7th ESB he completed 3 tours to Iraq. After completing his enlistment he moved down to the great state of Texas where he has now been employed with the City of Garland Animal Services since June 2013.



Free Spay & Neuter Surgeries for Dogs



Spaying and neutering saves lives. Millions of animals are euthanized each year simply because they do not have a home. Preventing unplanned pregnancies significantly reduces this number. The City of Garland, in partnership with PetSmart Charities® would like to invite you to take advantage of this free service for Garland residents in the 75041 zip code.

Call us at 972-205-3570, option 4 and mention 75041 promotion to schedule an appointment. Owners must show drivers license and utility bill for proof of residency. Dogs must be between the ages of 10 weeks and 5 years to be considered good candidates for surgery. Dogs should weigh more than 2 pounds and less than 80 pounds at the time of surgery. This program is for owned pets only. Shelters and rescue or foster organizations are not eligible for this program.

Let's Talk Nutrition

By Senior Animal Services Officer Clifford Spraberry



I would like to address several things briefly in this month's newsletter about nutrition. The first thing I am addressing is dry dog or cat food since that is what most of us use. The first mistake we make in managing our animal's food is that we do not read the label. Yes, I am guilty of that also. On that label, most manufactures provide feeding instructions. This is very important for your pet's health. As a Field Officer and pet owner, I see a lot of pets that are overweight. While researching this subject, I found that some labels give calorie measurements. One label I found gives 312k calories per cup. That means feeding one cup of this major brand of dog food equals to 312,000 calories per cup. As you read the ingredients, pay attention to some of the bi-products included in the food, they can be used to meet you pets' nutritional requirements. Take a look at your pet and what your pet is eating and adjust accordingly. Ask yourself:

- Is my pet over or under weight? Do we need to adjust?
- Does my pet have a nice shiny coat or some luster to the hair?
- Do we have good color to the inside of the ears and gums?
- Does my pet have the correct muscle tone and bone structure to carry that animal correctly?

Don't be afraid to change your pet's nutritional needs, and by all means if your pet has a digestive disorder, consult with your vet. Here are a few more suggestions for your pet.

- Along with good nutrition also be treating your dog for worms including a heart guard on a regulator basis. Treat external pest as needed.
- Provide clean water
- Exercise
- Many pets need fewer calories in the summer and increase in the winter. Especially those outside pets (Increase in winter –decrease in summer).
- If you dog doesn't consume all is food in a short period of time cut back. Standing food in the back yard or patio will attract ants and wildlife.



UPCOMING EVENTS



March 1-17

All dogs and cats at the Garland Pet Adoption Center and Garland Animal Services are \$17 for the first 17 days of the month. All adoptions include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, and City registration if applicable. One adoption per household and does not include prepay adoptions.

Garland Pet Adoption Center (Downtown Garland)
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040
Garland Animal Services
600 Tower St.
Garland, TX 75040

Saturdays, March 7 & 14 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dog Days Family Event
11 a.m. Teaching Your Puppy to Sit and Heel
2 p.m. Keeping Your Dog Safe in the Outdoors
Bass Pro Shops
5001 Bass Pro Dr.
Garland, TX 750436

Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Garland Pawsibilities
Animal Adoption Event
Oak Park School
2402 Firewheel Parkway, Garland, TX

March 5, 12, 18, 19

Low-Cost Vaccinations (Walk In Basis) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Garland Pet Adoption Center
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040
For Additional Information and Sterilization Scheduling
call 940-566-5551 or email TCAP.

Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Garland Pawsibilities
Garland Pet Adoption Center
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

Saturday, March 28 from 1-3 p.m.

Trap-Neuter- Return Workshop
Garland Pet Adoption Center
813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040

February Donations

Agnes Khan

Ashley Burk

Barbara Hunter

Blair Baxchik

Brenda Jackson

Brett Johnson

Bruce Trutna

Christopher Von Wedell

Cody's Friends #2 Rescue

Debra Sims

George Mulkey

Glen/Debra Harding

Jennifer Cox

Jennifer Lindsey

Kristen Kelly

Kristina Staedtler

Larry Hooper

Leslie Garner

Marla/Floyd Osgood

Mary Casillas

Norma Parker

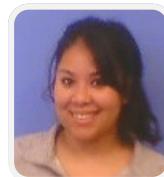
Riley Robbins

Samantha Cummings

Sandra Martin



Looking for the right breed?



By Shelter Attendant Celena Ramirez

Here are some facts about breeds that might help you decide on which Breed is the right pet for you!



German Shepherds: German Shepherds are often used as working dogs, they are known as courageous, alert, and very obedient. They will do okay in a small yard or apartment, if sufficiently exercised, however do best in a large yard. As far as grooming the breed does shed bits of hair as the seasons change. They have a life expectancy of an average of 13 years. The Shepherds are classed in the herding group and are most known for how easy they are trained and good with kids.

Labrador Retrievers: The Labrador Retriever is generally considered as the most popular breed in the world. They love to play with water and are very good swimmer. They are even temperament, intelligence, possess a strong sense of smell and are usually quick learners. The Labrador Retriever is known for being friendly, loyal, gentle, hardworking, usually non aggressive and intelligent. They have an average life expectancy of 10-12 years. With their smooth coat and sometimes long hair, grooming is necessary. Usually a brush every few days should control the amount of shedding. The Lab is classed as a member of the Sporting group, so naturally lots of exercise and love will be needed.



Pit Bull Terrier: Pit Bulls often get judged for their looks and strength, however most make great family pets, in-fact Pit Bulls were once known as the "Nanny Dog" due to their loyalty and love for children. Many pit bulls are easygoing couch-potatoes but can also be somewhat rambunctious until they mature. Maturity can come pretty late with this breed (2 to 3 years old in some cases) This breed will do fine in an apartment with sufficient exercise but are also very active and energetic dogs. The average life span is about 10-13 years, depending on care. These dogs can range in coats, so grooming would be difficult to determine at a small age. The pit is known as an average shedder and should be brushed regularly.



In Memory Donation

I would like to make a donation in memory of _____ in the amount of _____.

Please mail this form and check to:

Abe J. Tuggle Animal Shelter and Adoption Center
P.O. Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046

****Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. *****

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send acknowledgement letter to:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

All donations are tax deductible and we will mail you a receipt.

Garland Animal Shelter Adoption Sponsorship Program



I wish to support adoption of hard to place: (check one of the following) ☐ dogs ☐ cats ☐ dogs and cats

by making a contribution to the animal shelter to help prepay the \$80 or \$35 adoption fee.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to the "City of Garland Animal Adoption Sponsorship."

Please mail this form and check to:

Abe J. Tuggle Animal Shelter and Adoption Center
P.O. Box 469002
Garland, TX 75046

****Please call Gracie Morales at 972-205-3548 if you would like to make your donation by credit card. ****

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address: _____

NOTE: Your contribution toward Garland's "Adoption Sponsorship" program will be used to prepay the adoption fee of an animal that would otherwise likely not be adopted. We put a "prepaid" sign on the animal's cage at the shelter, and those looking for a pet will be much more likely to adopt a prepaid animal. Your contribution is tax deductible, and we will mail you a receipt. For contributions of at least \$80, we will email you the photo of the dog(s) and/or cat(s) you sponsored when they are adopted if you would like to receive the photo. We will also include your name as a "sponsor" on the "prepaid" sign on the cage if you would so desire.

I would like to get an E-mail photo: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to include my name on the "prepaid" sign: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Officer Hugo Espinoza at (972) 205-3571.